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March 18, 2005

Hon. James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: Proposed Alternate Unit Well,

Bigenerina 2C Zone, Reservoir A, Chacahoula Field, Lafourche Parish,

Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Yuma Exploration & Production Company, Inc. for the calling of a public hearing, after ten (10) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters regarding the Bigenerina 2C Zone, Reservoir A, in the Chacahoula Field, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Dibert, Stark & Brown No. 1 Well as a second alternate unit well for the Big 2C RA SU A, such well to be located as shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
- 2. To find that a second alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Big 2C RA SU A which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any other well in the unit;
 - 3. To confirm Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation as the operator of the Big 2C RA SU A;
- 4. To permit Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation to continue to operate the unit well and first alternate unit well and report production separately from the second alternate unit well which is to be operated and reported by Yuma Exploration and Production Company, Inc.;

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- 5. To find that a single unit allowable should be granted for the Big 2C RA SU A and should be recoverable from unit well, either alternate unit well, or from a combination of said wells, with the allocation of the unit allowable between the wells to be arranged between the operators of the respective wells;
- 6. To find that, except to the extent contrary to the order granted by the Commissioner of Conservation in connection with this application, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 324-RR series of Orders should remain in full force and effect; and
 - 7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are a plat delineating the Big 2C RA SU A, showing the location of the proposed second alternate unit well, together with a list of the names and addresses of all interested owners, interested parties and represented parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all such parties. A copy of said list is not being mailed to the interested owners, interested parties and represented parties, but will be provided upon request.

Any data pertinent to this application may be obtained AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY from Leon Comeaux & Associates, P.O. Box 53922, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505-3922, (337) 233-9839.

Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS & BATES, L.L.P.

James C. Bates

JCB/cmf encls.

cc:

Mr. Richard Hudson District Manager Interested Parties Interested Owners Represented Parties

